

PRESS RELEASE

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REVALUATION ADVISORY

Assessor Ken Whitman announces that The Town of Weston is in the process of conducting its State-mandated revaluation of all real estate in the municipality for the October 2008 grand list. The effect of the revaluation will be reflected in the taxes payable July 2009/January 2010. Recent state legislation requires that revaluations now be performed at least every five (5) years, changed from the previous four (4) year schedule. The last revaluation in Weston was implemented for the 2003 grand list. The new law also requires that all real property be physically inspected every ten (10) years. Weston is due for a full physical inspection for the 2008 revaluation.

To accomplish the task of collecting data and inspecting all real estate parcels, the Town of Weston has contracted the firm of Vision Appraisal Technology of Northboro, MA. Vision's property appraisers will be visiting residents beginning the first week of December 2007. The appraisers will have **Vision Appraisal** identification badges **as well as a letter of introduction** issued by the Town of Weston, and **their names and vehicle information** will be registered with the Weston Police Department. The initial visits will be announced via notification letters mailed this week and through the Weston Forum as the inspections progress. The first neighborhoods to be inspected will be the Georgetown Road area, beginning at the Redding/Wilton borders. If the owner(s) is not available, a notice will be left on the premises to allow for a later appointment at a more convenient time. Several properties, including recent sales, will be inspected a second time by the assessor for quality control purposes.

Recent sale properties will also be mailed a sales questionnaire to verify the circumstances of the transaction and determine the veracity of the sale.

The Assessor is the Town's real estate appraiser and the revaluation is the assessor's opportunity to garner any and all data relevant to the appraisal process. The better the data, the better able the assessor is to accurately value property. Mr. Whitman extends his appreciation to all taxpayers of Weston for their assistance in this most important endeavor. The Assessor's Office in turn will make every attempt to accommodate all home and business owners.

The revaluation is expected to be completed in the fall of 2008, with preliminary valuation notices mailed to all real estate taxpayers in November 2008.

If you have any questions, please call Ken Whitman @ (203) 222-2606.